

OUR LADY AND ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

7th November 2025

Dear Parents

Thank you for all the food donation for 'Share It' food bank in Ingol, the team were grateful for the donations which will support families in our local area.

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Robinwood and there were some excellent examples of teamwork, resilience, determination and fun.

Thank you to Year 6 for leading our Remembrance Assembly today. We are now in the busy half term leading up to Christmas so I have given you notice of forthcoming events with further details to follow in the next newsletter.

Many thanks also to everyone who completed the parent survey, the results will be shared next week.

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Dates for your diary

10th-14th November - Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 12th November – Cake Sale after school in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. We are asking pupils in Y2 & 5 to donate cakes please.

Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week (this is a change to the date on the calendar sent at the start of the year)

Thursday 13th November – Year 4 Class Worship at 9.00am in school. Year 4 parents welcome.

Monday 24th to Friday 28th November – Assessment Week

Thursday 20th November – Year 1 Class Worship at 9.00am in the school hall. Year 1 parents welcome

Thursday 27th November – Reception Class Worship at 9.00am in the school hall. Reception class parents welcome.

Thursday 27th November – School Discos (see this newsletter)

Wednesday 3rd December- Year 6 joint Advent Service with Our Lady's CHS 5pm at St Anthony's Church

Thursday 4th December - PTA Wreath making event 6pm in the Parish Centre

Friday 5th December - Non-uniform day. We are asking pupils to donate £1 towards PTA funds

Friday 5th December – Festive Family Quiz Night in school – see attached poster

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December at 2pm - EYFS and KS1 Nativity. See details in the forthcoming events section of this newsletter

Forthcoming Events in December

Further Details for December events to follow in next newsletter

Thursday 27th November – School Disco - KS1 6.30 to 7.20, KS2 7.30 to 8.30

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 9th December – Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am

Tuesday 9th December – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Wednesday 10th December – Matinee Performance at 2.00pm

Tickets will be allocated 2 per family for each performance and will be sent home prior to the show.

Tuesday 16th December – Whole School end of term mass in Church at 9.15am

Tuesday 16th December - Y5 and Y6 Carol Singing at Springfield Manor Gardens

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties (non-uniform day)

Wednesday 17th December – EYFS & KS1 End of Term Assembly – Parents invited

Thursday 18th December – KS2 assembly – Parents invited

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day - If you would like to make a donation proceeds will go to Kalomo.

School closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 18th December.

School re-opens on Monday 5th January

Class Worship dates to which parents are invited

Reception – Thursday 27th November at 9.00am in the school hall

Year 1 – Thursday 20th November at 9.00am in the school hall

Year 4 – Thursday 13th November at 9.00 in school

Year 5 – Tuesday 16th December at 9.15am in church – End of Term Mass

Kindly note that filming or taking photographs are not permitted during class worship or assembly.

Value of the Month

During November, we will be looking at **TOLERANCE**. In class we will be looking at acceptance of self and others, appreciating and understanding differences, and enjoying our friendships. On Sunday 16th November it is the International Day For Tolerance. Please help your child in their understanding of friendships and being tolerant of differences and different opinions.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Battersby will be leaving our school at the end of the Autumn Term after being appointed as a Deputy Headteacher at Holy Family, Warton. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for us and wish her luck in her new job.

National Anti-Bullying / Friendship Week

National Anti-Bullying Week starts on the 10th November with the theme 'Power for Good'. During the week the children will take part in activities where they will discuss and work together to recognise what bullying is and the responsibilities we all have to prevent it and how to be a good friend.

On Monday 10th November we are taking part in National Odd Socks Day and asking children to come to school in odd socks. It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

School Councillors

The children in each class voted for their school councillor representative and the following children have been selected as class councillor. Congratulations to you on your successful election.

Year 2 Iris and Louie

Year 3 Oscar and Edith

Year 4 Nancy and Elijah

Year 5 Joseph and Neehara

Year 6 Arianna and George

Parent Code of Conduct

The Parent Code of Conduct was circulated to parents in September in order to promote and support positive relationships between our whole school community. Please could everyone remind themselves of the content of the Code to ensure the correct means of communication are used when wishing to express a concern. Expressing concerns via class WhatsApp groups is not an appropriate way to communicate; it is damaging to pupils, families and staff. Any concerns can be brought first to the class teacher, followed by the Key Stage Leader and then the Deputy/Headteacher. Thank you for your consideration in maintaining a respectful school community.

PTA

PTA Cake Sale - The next cake sale will be Wednesday 12th November and we are asking Year 2 & Year 5 to donate cakes. We are raising money for St Catherine's Hospice.

PTA Wreath Making Event – We are holding our Wreath Making event in the Parish Centre on Thursday 4th December from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and still have a few tickets left. These are priced at £35.00 and the bar will be open.

Family Quiz & Pizza Night – We are having a family quiz & pizza night on **Friday 5th December** – We are holding a Festive Family Quiz Night on Friday 5th December in the school hall. Tickets are priced at £5.00 per person to include 2 slices of pizza. Pre-school children are free.

Non-uniform Day – Friday 5th December 2025

We will be having a non-uniform day in school on Friday 5th December and are asking pupils to donate £1 towards PTA funds.

Adventure Areas

A reminder to all pupils and parents that the adventure areas on both playgrounds are not to be used at the end of the school day.

We ask also that infant children who have been collected and are waiting for their older sibling are supervised. There have been a number of occasions where children have been engaging in dangerous behaviours. We will address this in assembly so that all children are aware and we ask that parents inform other family members, who collect their child(ren), to ensure the children are supervised at all times.

Sports News

There have been a number of Sports events across the school over the past few weeks. The mini-skills competitions involve many of the Preston schools where the children are awarded points based on the quickest time or number of accurate shots at a goal. Congratulations to our teams.

U9 Mini Skills – 1st place

Hockey Tournament – 1st place

U7 Mini Skills – 4th place

Boys' football – The Y5/6 team played two matches narrowly losing both

Girls' football – The Y5/6 team played a cup match with a convincing win

Reminder Regarding Illness and Medication

A child suffering from sickness and diarrhoea should be kept off school for 48 hours after the symptoms subside. If you are in doubt as to whether or not your child is well enough to be in school, please discuss the matter with the class teacher or the headteacher.

Parents/carers are required to contact the school office or class teacher on the first day of absence, advising of the reason for the absence and expected return date; if known.

Medication - Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours. If a child attends the school club then staff will administer a dose at the end of the school day. If medication is required 4 times a day then school will administer a dose at 11.00am.

If your child requires **prescribed** medication in school we only accept this medication if it is in date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and includes instructions for administration, dosage and storage. We will not be able to administer any other medication.

Before medication can be given parents/guardians will need to complete a Parental Agreement for Our Lady and St Edward's School to Administer Medicine Form available from the school office.

St Edward's School Club

All children attending St Edward's School Club should be registered before any sessions are booked. If you are wanting to book sessions for the first time you must contact the school office.

Please remember the following:-

Whilst bookings can be made at any time, should a place be required within 48 hours please also email the school office to let them know a booking has been made. If you are booking over the weekend for a Monday slot, the office should also be informed via email.

Cancellations can be made at any time by contacting the school office but refunds will only be given for cancelled sessions provided that we are informed by 10.30am the previous school working day (this includes weekends and school holidays). For example - if a Monday session needs to be cancelled then you will need to contact the school office by 10.30am on the Friday before. Sessions cancelled after this time will not be refunded. Once booked, sessions cannot be swapped - the session would have to be cancelled and a new booking made.

School Disco

I require..... tickets for the Infants' Disco.

Child/ren's name.....

I require.....tickets for the Juniors' Disco.

Child/ren's name.....

I will collect my child after the disco OR

.....(name of other adult) will collect my child.

I enclose £ cash / cheque (cheques payable to OLSE PTA